

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [04] with the following amended paragraph:

[04] FIG. 1 is an end view of one embodiment of ~~a base~~ an intermediate member 100 comprised of first members 1 and 4 of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [05] with the following amended paragraph:

[05] FIG. 2 is an end view of one embodiment of ~~one of the members~~ an intermediate member 200 comprised of first members 2 and 5 of the present invention capable of capturing a member such as panel member 1000 and mating with a member such as intermediate member 100.

Please replace paragraph [06] with the following amended paragraph:

[06] FIG. 2a is an isometric view of one embodiment of ~~one of the members~~ an intermediate member 200 of the present invention capable of capturing a member such as panel member 1000 and mating with a member such as intermediate member 100.

Please add the following new paragraph immediately following paragraph [06]:

[06.1] FIG. 2b is an isometric view of intrermediate members 100 and 200 assembled into a second member 900 that receives a panel 1000.

Please replace paragraph [07] with the following amended paragraph:

[07] FIG. 3 is an end view of one embodiment of ~~one of the members~~ intermediate member 300 of the present invention capable of mating with a member such as intermediate member 200.

Please replace paragraph [08] with the following amended paragraph:

[08] FIG. 4 is an end view of one embodiment of ~~one of the members~~ intermediate member 400 of the present invention capable of mating with one or two members such as intermediate member 200.

Please replace paragraph [09] with the following amended paragraph:

[09] FIG. 5 is an end view of one embodiment of ~~one of the members~~ intermediate member 500 of the present invention capable of mating with one or two members such as intermediate member 200.

Please replace paragraph [10] with the following amended paragraph:

[10] FIG. 6 is an end view of one embodiment of ~~one of the members~~ intermediate member 600 of the present invention capable of mating with one or two members such as intermediate member 200.

Please replace paragraph [11] with the following amended paragraph:

[11] FIG. 7 is an end view of one embodiment of ~~one of the members~~ intermediate member 700 of the present invention capable of mating with as many as four members such as intermediate member 200.

Please replace paragraph [12] with the following amended paragraph:

[12] FIG. 8 is an end view of one embodiment of a present invention ~~frame~~ assembly comprising a base an intermediate member 100, two intermediate members 200, a an intermediate member 400, and a panel ~~member~~ 1000.

Please add the following new paragraph immediately following paragraph [12]:

[12.1] All members depicted in end view drawings can have any dimension in the direction perpendicular to the plane of the drawing.

Please replace the first two sentences of paragraph [13] with the following amended sentences:

FIG. 1 shows one embodiment of one of the members of the present invention. It is a two-part base intermediate member 100.

Please replace the first sentence of paragraph [14] with the following amended sentence:
FIG. 2 shows one embodiment of one of the intermediate members of the present invention.

Please replace the last sentence of paragraph [14] with the following amended sentence:

A panel 1000 can be secured in member 200 (and the second member 900 comprised of intermediate members 100 and 200) by capturing it between member 2 and member 5 and securing member 5 to member 2 with any number of readily available fasteners, including nails, screws, clamps, or adhesives.

Please replace paragraph [15] with the following amended paragraph:

[15] FIG. 2a illustrates a panel member 1000 captured in one embodiment of intermediate member 200. Member 5 is pushed against members member 2 and panel 1000, and secured with fasteners or adhesive (not shown) so that panel member 1000 is securely captured.

Please add the following new paragraph immediately following paragraph [15]:

[15.1] FIG. 2b shows intermediate members 100 and 200 assembled into a second member 900 receiving a panel 1000. Second member 900 is illustrated having one end of all first members and the panel terminated with a wood-grain ornamentation 3 and a telephone jack 9 that provides functionality, where “functional” is defined as useful beyond mere assembly. Wiring for telephone jack 9 can be run through conduit 8 shown in FIGs. 2 and 2a. Conduit 8 can be integral to any members such as 1, 2, 4, or 5 or panel 1000. Conduit 8 can be any standardized or customized shape or length commonly understood tubular passageway capable of containing streams of substances including, but not limited to, wire, cable, fiber optics, gas, and liquid.

Please replace paragraph [16] with the following amended paragraph:

[16] FIG. 3 shows one embodiment of one of the intermediate members of the present invention. The female dovetail feature of first member 7 can receive any member having a matching male dovetail feature. For example, the female dovetail feature of member 7 can receive the male dovetail feature of member 2, or a similar member with a male dovetail feature, thus creating a second member comprised of members 200 and 300. A panel 1000 can be secured in member 300 by capturing it between member 7 and member 6 and securing member 6 to member 7 with any number of readily available fasteners, such as screws, or adhesives. Thus, the composite second member consisting comprised of itermediate members 200 and 300 can act as a joining device between two panels 1000.

Please replace the last sentence of paragraph [22] with the following amended and new sentences:

Such decorative or functional features can include, for example, millwork, a capital, light fixture, sprinkler head, mister, or electrical outlet wood-grain millwork as illustrated in FIG. 2b. Other examples of decorative and functional features include a capital, light fixture, sprinkler head, mister, or electrical outlet.

Please replace the next-to-the-last sentence in paragraph [25] with the following new sentence:

A member 700, in conjunction with several members 200, or similar members having male dovetail features, can thus provide a joining device for any number of parallel and perpendicular panels 1000 that can be installed and removed by merely removing first member 5 of intermediate member 200.

Please replace the last sentence in paragraph [26] with the following new sentence:

Another embodiment of member 800 could be assembled with first members 2 oriented so that first members 5 are located on the same side of the illustrated member panel 1000, thereby providing more convenient panel access.